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Southern California Gas Company seeks Renewal of Hazardous Waste Storage Permit at Pico Rivera Base

We invite you to review and comment on a proposed Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal for the hazardous waste facilities at Southern California Gas Company's Pico Rivera Base. The Facility is located at 8101 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera near the intersection of Rosemead Boulevard and Slauson Avenue. The draft permit renewal would allow the facility to continue to operate the existing hazardous waste drum storage activities located on the property.

The Southern California Gas Company (SCGC) is a natural gas distribution utility serving nearly all of southern and central California. SCGC has owned the site that the Facility is situated on since 1955. The 35-acre facility initially housed an engineering office building and central stores warehouse. A gas meter repair shop, machine shop, and vehicle garage were added from 1956 to 1957. An Engineering Analysis Center was built in 1993 to perform testing of equipment, gas quality, and environmental samples.

The Pico Rivera facility is a consolidation point for handling and shipping hazardous waste generated at other Gas Company facilities. The Company makes daily shipments of operational materials, such as small tools, pipe, paint, gas meters, to other operating facilities throughout Southern California. The same trucks, as registered hazardous waste transporters, bring hazardous wastes from these facilities to the Pico Rivera Base. The wastes are then sent to commercial hazardous waste disposal facilities after accumulation of sufficient quantities to allow for cost effective transportation and disposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD **February 6, 2007 to March 23, 2007**

A 45-day public comment period is held to comment on the Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and associated proposed Notice of Exemption. We invite you to review and comment during this time. During the public comment period provided under Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 66271.9, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit.

Open House will be held on March 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
the Public Hearing to follow at 6:30 p.m.
El Rancho High School, 6501 S. Passons Blvd., Pico Rivera

The open house will include poster displays and handouts. It is an opportunity to meet and talk informally with the staff from our agency. During the public hearing only written and oral comments will be accepted, questions will be answered before or after the hearing on the project.

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Leticia Hernandez: (714) 484-5488 or 1-866-495-5651, at least one week before the meeting.



SCGC submitted a Notice of Hazardous Waste Activity to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Pico Rivera Base in 1980. A Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF), permit application Part A was submitted to the California Department of Health Services in 1983. An Interim Status Document was received from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in 1983. A TSDF permit application Part B was submitted in July 1986, with revisions submitted in May 1990 and February 1993. The Part B permit for the Pico Rivera TSDF was issued by the DTSC in September 1996.

The expiration date for that Permit was October 22, 2006. The Facility has been operating under the terms of the expired permit until a new permit is issued (finalized).

The draft permit allows for the continued storage of hazardous waste at the Facility. The Facility is used for storage of containers of hazardous waste containing paint, aerosol cans, waste oil and oil contaminated solids, laboratory wastes, and empty drums from off-site SCGC facilities only. The draft permit specifies the amount of hazardous waste which may be stored and the areas where the waste can be stored. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California.

The following is a description of the five areas covered under this permit:

Area 1:

- **Location:** It is a 45 square foot area (3 feet by 15 feet), located on the eastern boundary of the Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF).
- **Size:** It is surrounded by a curb and covered entirely by a rain awning and has a containment capacity of 269 gallons.
- **Description:** The area has a maximum permitted capacity of 13-55 gallon drums or 715 gallons and the floor is coated with a wear and chemically resistant coating.

Area 2:

- **Location:** It is a 42 square foot area (3 feet by 14 feet), located immediately adjacent to and south of Area 1 and on the eastern boundary of the HWMF.
- **Size:** It is surrounded by a curb and is covered entirely by a rain awning and has a

containment capacity of 251 gallons.

- **Description:** The area has a maximum permitted capacity of 13-55 gallon drums or 715 gallons and the floor is coated with a wear and chemically resistant coating.

Area 3:

- **Location:** It is located just west of Areas 1 and 2 and is the central unit of the HWMF. There is an entry ramp on the west side of the unit in the northwest corner.
- **Size:** The area of this unit is 1,975 square feet (42 feet by 51 feet) and is covered entirely by a rain awning. The unit is surrounded by a curb and has a containment volume of 10,577 gallons.
- **Description:** This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 650-55 drums or 35,750 gallons and the floor is coated with a wear and chemically resistant coating.

Area 4:

- **Location:** It is located immediately north of Area 3 and surrounded by a curb and has a containment volume of 4,144 gallons.
- **Size:** The area of this unit is 1,047 square feet and is covered approximately 90% by a rain awning. Its width is 25.5 feet, trapezoidal in shape and 43 feet long at the top and 53 feet long at the base.
- **Description:** The area has a maximum permitted capacity of 300-55 gallon drums or 16,500 gallons and the floor is coated with a wear and chemically resistant coating.

Area 5:

- **Location:** Immediately south of Area 3 and surrounded by a curb and has a containment volume of 6,224 gallons.
- **Size:** The area of this unit is 1,808 square feet and is not covered by a rain awning. Its width is 27 feet, trapezoidal in shape, is 65.5 feet long at the apex and 82.5 feet long at the base.
- **Description:** This area has a maximum permitted capacity of 146 empty 55-gallon drums and the floor is coated with a wear and chemically resistant coating.

Permit renewal process

DTSC examines a permit renewal application through four main steps:

- 1) Reviews the permit renewal application for completeness. If necessary, DTSC will issue a

Notice of Deficiency requiring additional information or changes to the existing information in the application. For Pico Rivera Base, DTSC has issued one notice of deficiency.

2) Prepares a draft permit renewal or permit denial based on whether the facility's application meets the regulatory standards.

3) Solicits and receives comments from the public during a formal public comment period of at least 45 days.

4) Responds to and considers all written comments received during the public comment period, as well as all input provided during the public hearing before making a final permit renewal determination. Once a decision has been made to issue, deny or modify the draft permit, notice will be given to the applicant as well as to anyone who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision.

The final permit decision will become effective 30 days after the decision has been announced, unless a later date is specified or if the permit is appealed.

Ensuring public health & environment is protected

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC is responsible for reviewing the potential health and environmental risks from the proposed permit renewal. Based on this review, DTSC has determined that the proposed permit renewal will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and has, therefore, prepared a Notice of Exemption under the authority of the CEQA, Section 21064.

Where to find Site related documents

Copies of the DTSC draft permit, facility application, proposed Notice of Exemption and other background information can be reviewed at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201

Please contact Ms. Jone Barrio, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at (818) 551-2886 to make an appointment.

Rivera Public Library
7828 Serapis Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660-4600
(562) 949-5485

Hour: Mondays and Tuesdays: 12 – 8
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1 - 6
Fridays: 1-5, closed Saturdays & Sundays

How to submit comments

The public comment period will begin on February 6, 2007 and end on March 23, 2007, during which time you may provide us with your comments and/or questions on the draft permit. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by March 23, 2007 and sent to:

William Jeffers, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201
E-mail: wjeffers@dtsc.ca.gov

For more information

If you have questions regarding the site, please contact either of these people at our agency:

William Jeffers, Project Manager at
(818) 551-2185 or wjeffers@dtsc.ca.gov

Leticia Hernandez, Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 or the toll-free number 1-866-495-5651 or e-mail lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov

For Media Inquiries

For media questions, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer at (818) 551-2176 or email jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to hearing impaired individuals

You can get information by using the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask to speak to Leticia Hernandez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5488 or the toll-free number 1-866-495-5651.

Southern California Gas Company, Pico Rivera Base Facility
Pico Rivera, California

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INSIDE: Information Describing the Renewal of Hazardous Waste Storage Permit at Pico Rivera Base